

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 7/23/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka,
Invaders
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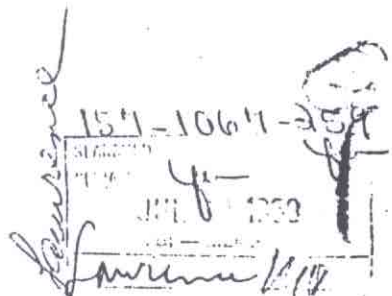
On 7/17/68 Lt. E. L. ARKIN, Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department, furnished to the writer a copy of Police Department memorandum dated 7/15/68 regarding "Activities of Invaders, 7/12/68," setting forth information received 7/15/68 from Police Department undercover agent code name [REDACTED] and Xerox copy of which is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

Enclosure - 1

- 1 - 157-1067 (BOP)
- 1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
- 1 - 157-953 (Black Power Infiltration, WOPC and NOP)
- 1 - 157-1238 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1116 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1000 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 134- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1070 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1176 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 134-452 [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Inspector G. P. Tines,
Inspection Bureau.

cc: SA D. H. Martin,
Intelligence Section.

SUBJECT: Activities of Invaders, July 12,
1968.

RE: July 15, 1968.

Received the following information from an informant who stated the following were the activities of a militant Black Power group in Memphis known as the Invaders for Friday July 12, 1968.

5:30PM Informant went to NOP Headquarters, at 1217 Thomas and found the following people present: GEORGE HUNT, VERDELL BROOKS, JAMES PHILLIPS, PATRICIA WYNN, DEBBIE SALAS, EDWINA HARRELL, ORRIN MC KENZIE, CHARLES FAITHFUL, MW, and three other MWs. They were No. 1, CHUCK LAWSON, described 6'11", 190, 29, brown hair, dark complexion. No. 2, LARRY SHORT, MW 5'9", 200lbs yrs. of age, fat, dark hair, fair complexion. No. 3, known only as GAYLORD, 28, 6'2", 220 lbs, light brown hair, a member of the Democratic Club to aid McCarthy MSU. who allegedly works at Surplus City on Bellevue.

The meeting started at 6PM with Verdel BROOKS presiding. He described the operations that their group would be involved in, as No. 1--Operation Shoes: (the group would go around collecting shoes for needy children.) No. 2--Operations Clothing: (the group would go around collecting clothing for needy children; and No. 3 (Tailoring Classes for High School drop outs, which would start as soon as their new office would open up at 1310 Florida. They then talked of the need of automobiles for transportation. The Director of WOPC, Washington Butler suggested that instead of trying to rent automobiles they should try to get courtesy cars each day from different automobile agencies. The meeting terminated at 6:30PM, and the majority of the people left. The only ones staying were PHILLIPS, CHARLES FAITHFUL and the MW known as GAYLORD, both FAITHFUL who is in the young Republican Club, and Gaylord who is a member of the Democratic Club at MSU., got into a political argument while voicing their views on the current political situation.

Informant states that both Saturday and Sunday he was unable to make contact with any of the Invaders.